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FOR THE YEAR

1960.



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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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RAINFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1960.

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RAINFORD.

October, 1961.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RAINFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the 30th Annual Report on the welfare of Rainford for the year ending 31st December 1960.

I am happy to report that the health of the community has been most satisfactory during the year.

The adjusted birth rate has shown a definite decrease being 17.1 compared with 20.4 for the previous year.

The adjusted death rate of 11.5 is similar to that in England and Wales.

I have to report that there were two deaths of children at the age of one year and that there were no maternal deaths.

There has been a decrease in the number of infectious diseases during the year. Only two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. No case of diphtheria or poliomyelitis has been notified.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

F.W. BUNTING.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Area in acres	5,877
Registrar General's estimate of population mid-1960	5,100
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1960) according to Rate Book	1,750
Rateable Value	£ 47,954
Product of a Penny Rate	£ 179. 5.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

	Live Births		Deaths All Causes		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality	
	No. Registered	Rate per 1000 pop'n	No. Registered	Rate per 1000 pop'n	No. Registered.	Rate per 1000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1000 total births
Year 1960	95	17.1	45	11.5	4	40.4	Nil	Nil
" 1959	101	20.4	44	11.6	1	9.8	-	-
" 1958	75	15.6	37	9.9	3	38.5	-	-
" 1957	77	16.9	46	12.2	2	25	-	-
" 1956	83	18.5	50	13.6	-	-	-	-
" 1955	66	15.2	53	13.7	2	29	-	-
Average 5 yrs. 1955 - 1959		17.3		12.2		20.5		-

INFANT MORTALITY

	Total		Neo-Natal	
	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1960	2	21.1	2	21.1
" 1959	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
" 1958	4	53.3	4	53.3
" 1957	3	39	2	26
" 1956	2	24	1	12
" 1955	1	15	-	-
Average 5 yrs. 1955 - 1959		26.3	-	18.3

Adjusted live birth rate (comparability factor 0.92) - 17.1 per 1,000
Adjusted death rate (comparability factor 1.30) - 11.5

DETAILS OF VITAL STATISTICS

Live births	Total	M	F
Legitimate	94	61	33
Illegitimate	1	1	
TOTAL	95	62	33

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1960 - 17.1

Deaths	Total	M	F
TOTAL	45	22	23

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1960 - 11.5

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion - Nil
Mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - Nil

DEATH RATE IF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE - 21.1

All infants per 1,000 live births - 21.1

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age - 2

Neo-Natal Mortality rates per 1,000 live births - 21.1

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age - 2

Early Neo-Natal Mortality rates per 1,000 live births - 21.1

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1960 FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Birth and death rates, together with case rates for certain infectious diseases for England and Wales in the year 1960

Provisional figures based on Registrar-General's Weekly and Quarterly Returns

Estimated home population mid-1960 - 45,755,000

Births	No.	Rate per 1,000 home population
Live births	782,673	17.1
Stillbirths	15,734	(0.34 (19.7 (a)
Deaths		
All causes	526,278	11.5
Tuberculosis (all forms)	3,426	0.075
Respiratory	3,094	0.068
Non-respiratory	332	0.007
Cancer (all forms)	98,691	2.16
Lung and bronchus	21,992	0.48
Other cancer	76,699	1.68
Maternal mortality (total)	311	0.39 (a)
Maternal causes (excluding abortion)	248	0.31 (a)
Due to abortion	63	0.08 (a)
Infant mortality	16,961	21.7 (b)
Neo-natal mortality	12,188	15.6 (b)
Notifications (corrected)		
Typhoid fever	89	0.002
Paratyphoid fever	239	0.005
Meningococcal infection	630	0.014
Scarlet fever	32,166	0.703
Whooping Cough	58,030	1.268
Diphtheria	53	0.001
Erysipelas	2,954	0.065
Smallpox	1	0.000
Measles	159,314	3,482
Acute pneumonia	14,543	0.318
Acute poliomyelitis -		
Paralytic	258	0.006
Non-paralytic	125	0.003
Acute encephalitis -		
Infective	145	0.003
Post-infectious	116	0.003
Dysentery	43,269	0.946
Food poinoning	7,722	0.169
Puerperal pyrexia	8,807	0.192
Tuberculosis -		
Respiratory	21,129	0.462
Meninges & C.N.S.	199	0.004
Other	2,662	0.058

(a) Per 1,000 total (live and still) births
(b) Per 1,000 live births

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

There have been no major changes in the General Health Services during the year.

The Child Welfare and Ante-natal clinics which are run by the Lancashire County Council continue to be much appreciated by mothers in Rainford and are well attended.

IMMUNISATION

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

This is the responsibility of the local Divisional Health Committee. Immunisation is available against diphtheria alone, or against diphtheria and whooping cough, or against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus by the use of combined vaccines.

Poliomyelitis immunisation

Children who completed course of injections 15 years and subsequently	112
Persons over 15 years who completed course of injections ...	112
Antenatal patients who completed course of injections ...	16
Children who received one injection only - 15 years and subsequently	27
Persons over 15 years who received one injection only	12
Antenatal patients who received one injection only	3
Booster doses given to Antenatal patients	54
Booster doses given to children aged 15 years and subsequently	276
Booster doses given to persons over 15 years	141

DYSENTERY

There were no cases of dysentery notified during the year.

SCARLET FEVER

There were 3 cases of scarlet fever notified during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The Statutory Water Undertaker is St. Helens Corporation. The Council have one representative on the Joint Board. Supply during the year was not too good but the Water Board have in hand schemes to improve same by laying of new mains etc.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND SEWERAGE REQUIREMENTS

Amended schemes for Crank and North End have been completed and forwarded to the Ministry.

The scheme for improvements and extensions at Rookery Sewage Works is now in the hands of the Ministry.

The scheme for improvements and extensions at Berringtons Lane is now complete and has been forwarded to the Ministry.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Type	No.
Pails	66
Wet closets with ashpits	172
Dry ashpits	2
Fresh water closets	1,687
Ashbins	1,622

PUBLIC CLEANSING

This continues to be one of the Council's biggest problems due to the scattered nature of the district and the distance away from the main tip. Expenditure is high and increased housing continues to make the position more difficult.

Suitable type of labour is difficult to obtain and hired haulage is employed to help out.

There are seasonal increases in the contents of bins with the consequence that bin collecting and privy emptying have to suffer.

ASHPIT PRIVY CONVERSION

During the year 3 privy closets were converted to fresh water closets. This leaves approximately 172 to be converted.

HOUSING

The Council have in hand a scheme for the erection of 16 semi-detached houses and 10 semi-detached bungalows, and 1 pair narrow frontage houses.

RODENT CONTROL

Routine inspections of farms and premises throughout the district are carried out and action taken where necessary.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Shops

The Shops Act, 1934 and Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and to sanitary conveniences are administered by the Urban District Council.

Number of Food Premises, by type, registered in the District at 31st December, 1960

Type of Business	No. registered at 31. 3. 60.	No. of inspections of registered premises during the year
Grocery and General	23	26
Butchers Shops	3	13
Fish and Chip	2	2
Fish and Fruit	2	2
Fruit	1	2
Bakery and Confectionery	2	12

Disposal of Condemned Food

(a) Carcase Meat A certificate of disposal is obtained from the butcher and the carcase is sent by him to a specialist firm who make up condemned meat into purposes other than for human consumption.

(b) Other Foods These are disposed of on the Council refuse tip and buried to a suitable depth.

Slaughterhouse and meat inspections

One slaughterhouse was in operation during the year and regular inspection of this and the carcases were made.

	Cattle	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
No. killed.	95	382	9
No. inspected.	86	343	9
Tuberculosis only - Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-

Milk Supply

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 - 1954

Number of Distributors registered by the local authority and operating from:

(a) Dairies in the District	8
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies	1
(c) Premises outside the district	2

Time and attention is devoted to this important subject with a view to providing and maintaining a pure and safe milk supply.

Inspections of premises to ensure a pure milk supply were continued during the year and 18 informal samples were taken.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901
& FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948

No change has occurred in the number of factories and workshops within the district since 1958.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year the total number of notifications of infectious diseases received was 27.

WHOOPING COUGH

There were 18 cases of whooping cough notified during the year.

MEASLES

There was a marked decrease in the number of cases of Measles notified. 4 cases were notified compared with 155 cases during the previous year.

SCARLET FEVER

3 cases of scarlet fever were notified during the year but these were of a mild type.

DIPHTHERIA

No cases of diphtheria were notified during the year and it is now 15 years since a case was notified in the district.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TABLE OF NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1960

Notifiable Diseases	Total cases at all ages	Age Periods - Years									
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & Over	Age unknown
Smallpox											
Scarlet fever	3			3							
Diphtheria (including membranous croup)											
Enteric or Typhoid fever (excluding paratyphoid)											
Measles (excluding rubella)	4	1	1	1	1						
Whooping Cough	18	1	2	3	12						
Acute pneumonia (primary and influenzal)											
Puerperal pyrexia											
Meningococcal infection											
Acute poliomyelitis Paralytic											
Non-paralytic											
Acute encephalitis Infective											
Post-infectious											
Dysentery											
Opthalmia neonatorum											
Erysipelas											
Malaria (contracted (in England (and Wales											
(Abroad											
Food poisoning											
Any other diseases notifiable in district e.g. Chicken-pox											
Paratyphoid											
TOTAL	25	2	3	7	13						

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table gives the numbers of new cases of both forms of the disease, together with the deaths therefrom. The figures include all primary cases and other cases coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
Years	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-								
1-								
2-								
5-								
10-								
15-								
20-								
25-								
35-		1						
45-	1							
55-								
65-								
75 and upwards								
TOTALS	1	1						

Following the inception of the National Health Service Act, 1948, treatment became the responsibility of the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

Full co-operation exists with the Tuberculosis Officer covering the Rainford area.

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